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To whom it may concern,

While I believe the Justice Department has done a heroic job in the legal struggle against Microsoft, it would appear to me that, once again, money talks and Corporate America will have succeeded in screwing the little person again.

Only a brain dead person who has no clue as to the reality of life would think that innocent little Microsoft has been put upon by the big bad Justice Department.

Over the years, Microsoft has made every effort possible to destroy the competition, maximize profits and force consumers to accept faulty, less than adequate operating systems and bloated and overpriced software. Microsoft has made very effort to become a monopoly and has finally succeeded. There is no competitor anywhere close to Microsoft's market share except possibly Apple (a far better and more efficient operating system and computer) but they're so busy looking in the mirror admiring themselves, that they have lost the marketing advantage they had years ago. They simply pissed it away.

If Microsoft walks away with this we can look forward to another 20 years of non productive software, operating systems that crash at drop of a hat and no real innovative thinking. As I recall, Bill Gates didn't actually design the DOS operating system. He bought it for \$50,000. No innovation there. Windows is a "not as well done" copy of the Apple graphic users interface. No innovation there. In fact, wasn't it Bill Gates who told people that "command line processing" was here to stay and no body would really use a mouse? No innovation there.

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